

**Quarterly Issues/Programs
List**

For

WRAN (FM) 97.3

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City government	04/18/16	9:22 am	1 min 50 sec	City Council Swears in Three New Firefighters
City government	05/16/16	11:22 am	2 min 00 secs	Taylorville Alderman Rocky Moore Resigns
City government	05/16/16	1:22 pm	2 min 15 secs	Phase Two Study Ordered for Taylorville Water Plant Site
City government	06/07/16	2:21 pm	2 min 45 secs	Jim Olive Appointed to Vacant City Council Seat
City government	06/21/16	4:20 pm	1 min 35 secs	Council Debates New Video Gaming Ordinances

6/21/16

6AM

MP-MOD1

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session Monday night. The meeting started off with the local Citizens for Education group addressing the council. The group gave the council some information regarding the progress of state education funding reform, stating how State Senator Andy Manar's plan which the group supports had passed through both the council process, as well as being passed in the Illinois State Senate, however was stuck in the State House due to House Speaker Michael Madigan not calling it, or anything for that matter, to the floor. The Citizens for Education group informed the council that without any assistance from the state, an idea that's quickly becoming reality, the school would have to issue a referendum for more local funding in order to keep the school operating. The Citizens for Education group said how should Taylorville fail to fund its school system, law dictates that the State itself could step in and take over the running of the school district.

TUE

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Tv11

:26

Another item that was mentioned during the opening of the meeting was the public hearing to consider the request of the Grace Baptist Church a Special Use to build an addition onto the worship center of the existing structure, and add an additional addition to the building to better join the old and new structures together. There was a motion to vote on an ordinance to allow the church the special use of the property to build the additions, which ultimately passed 7-0.

6/21/16

6AM

MP-MOD2

Several other resolutions were discussed at Monday night's Taylorville City Council meeting, one of which was an alarm agreement with FBS Inc. and the city of Taylorville. It was pointed out during discussion that the agreement was a three year agreement, which the city would be locked into, regardless of whether or not the city owned the building that the alarm was installed in anymore. The resolution ultimately passed 7-0 with the agreement to amend the language of the agreement with FBS Inc. that the city would be able to opt out of the agreement at any time under the right circumstances.

A rather controversial item that was discussed during the meeting was a motion that had come out of the ordinance committee to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that provides and adds a definition of "gross revenue" in sections 3-3-1 and 3-3-21 of the Taylorville City Code. The discussion was to help better define what businesses could or could not have video gaming on the premises. Alderman Shawn Burtle, who had opposed to motion during committee, commented saying how he didn't understand why the statute couldn't be less complicated in terms of what businesses could have the video gaming.

TUE

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Tvl2

:56

The motion ultimately passed 5-2, after some lengthy thought by several of the alderman before they casted their vote. City Attorney Rocci (Rocky) Romano gave some updates to the council, as did Mayor Brotherton, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

6/7/16 12PM MP MOD1

The Taylorville City Council met Monday night in regular session. One of the big stories of the night was the Mayoral Appointment of Jim Olive to the Alderman Ward 1 seat. Olive will be taking the seat left vacant by the resignation of former Alderman Rocky Moore, who resigned on May 13th. There had been some discussion over whether or not there was a conflict of interest with Olive serving on both City Council, as well as serving as President of the Christian County Fair Association. City Attorney Rocci Romano explained that there was no conflict of interests with the appointment.

WED 1 (...particular situation) :48

The appointment passed unanimously, with Olive taking his seat on the council after being inducted to the council. The Taylorville City Council took another roll call to reflect the addition of Olive to the Council, and proceeded with the meeting.

6/7/16

12PM

MP

MOD2

Another item to generate discussion was a resolution for the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois Service Agreement to conduct a Phase Two Archeological Study of the proposed site of the new Taylorville Water Treatment Plant. Several items had been found on the site that may be tied to early Taylorville settlers. Alderman Bruce Jones asked the question as to what made this particular site any more important than any other early Taylorville site that had been demolished or built over in the past.

WED

2

(...this place as well)

:56

Taylorville Water Department Superintendent David Speagle clarified to the council that the University would conduct the archeological survey, and then determine if the site needs a phase three study as well. He also let the council know that the water department could proceed with building the new plant, even if the site was deemed a historical location. Speagle said that the new plans would include moving several proposed facilities around as well as demolishing others that weren't currently planned to be demolished. The Taylorville Water Department currently cannot continue with the original plans for the new plant until the Phase Two study is conducted. However the altered water treatment plant would cost far more to build than the Phase Two study would cost to be conducted along with the costs of building the new plant under the original designs. The motion on the resolution to conduct the Phase Two study passed 7-1.

6/7/16

12PM

MP

MOD3

The Pana Bike Trail was another item that generated lengthy discussion at Monday Night's Taylorville City Council Meeting. There was a resolution in question that said that the city of Taylorville would assist the city of Pana with the costs of the repairs of the trail. The resolution also stated that should the city of Pana apply for a grant to repair or replace the railroad trestle bridge in Taylorville that's part of the bike trail, that Taylorville would reimburse Pana of 50% of the costs of applying for the grant, with an amount to reimburse not to exceed \$1,250. Also should that grant be given, Taylorville would reimburse Pana for up to half of the required local spending on the project, not to exceed \$45,000. Alderman Earl Walters stated how he was against the resolution, stating how he thinks that it's the first step towards Pana signing over the trail and the costs associated with it to Taylorville.

WED

3

(...done all these years)

:53

Several other Aldermen spoke after Alderman Walters' comments stating how although they agreed that the resolution is most likely the first step in Taylorville taking over the bike trail; they felt that the trail was something that the citizens of Taylorville wanted to incorporate into the city. Several of the Alderman said how even though there is other issues that they feel is more pressing to the city, that they've taken much more phone calls regarding the bike trail than anything else. The motion on the resolution passed 7-1, with one emphatic "No" vote from Alderman Walters.

All motions from the various committee reports passed without much discussion. Several members of the community spoke thanking the council for passing the resolution on the bike trail, and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session last night at the Taylorville Municipal Building. One of the major items of the night was the resignation of Alderman Rocky Moore. Mayor Brotherton made a short comment on how he, as well as many of the other Aldermen was sad to see Alderman Moore go, but understood that other things sometimes hold a higher priority in life. There was a motion for Alderman Moore's resignation, which passed 7-1. Mayor Brotherton did ask City Attorney Romano that if the motion hadn't passed, if Alderman Moore was obligated to stay on the council. City Attorney Romano clarified that that wasn't the case.

Another item of note was the recognition of Taylorville Police Sergeant Alan Mills being an Optimist Officer of the Year finalist. Mayor Brotherton presented Sergeant Mills with a Proclamation, and extended his gratitude for Mills' service to Taylorville.

TUES KEY 5 (...enforcement of our laws) :62

Christian County Emergency Manager Mike Crews was also presented with a Proclamation for his award for Coordinator of the Year. City Attorney Romano gave several updates on the legal side of several issues within the city of Taylorville, and the Mayor gave his updates, which included making note of the city moving their Thursday committee meetings so that the members of the committees could attend the Christian County CEO Trade Show on Thursday, May 19th at Lincoln Land Community College.

5/16/16

7AM

MP

MOD 2

Other items on the agenda included motions for several items. These included a motion to bid and advertise a heavy equipment operator position in the water department, a motion to direct City Attorney Romano to draft a new Village of Owaneco intergovernmental agreement to present to the water committee to review, a motion to accept the low quote for lab testing fees from the Illinois EPA for the 2016-2017 sampling period, motion to accept the low bid from HD Supply Waterworks for service line materials, motion to direct City Attorney Romano to draft a new intergovernmental agreement for the water committee to review and after their approval to engage with discussion with Kincaid, as well as several motions regarding items around Taylorville Lake. All motions passed with an 8-0 vote.

One item that did generate some discussion however surrounded an update surrounding the potential site of a new water plant for Taylorville, and some of the roadblocks that it has encountered from the state. It has been ruled that there needs to be a phase two study of the potential site for the water plant. Water Superintendent David Speagle informed the council that the Water Department would need to remove portions of the design of the new water plant, and continue with the design and loan application process. Alderman Walters as well as Alderman Burtle asked Superintendent Speagle as well as City Attorney Romano if there was any sort of legal motion the city could take to contest the decision. City Attorney Romano informed the council that there wasn't much that the city could do.

TUES KEY

6

(...keep delaying the project)

:40

Superintendent Speagle said that the plan moving forward was to remove two lagoons from the plans of the plant, and to move forward with planning the new water plant.

4/18/2016

8PM

MP

The Taylorville City Council met in regular session last night. The meeting began with the voting of approving minutes of several meetings held throughout the past two weeks, with all minutes passing without much discussion. The city council also oversaw the swearing in of three new firefighters to the Taylorville Fire Department. These new officers, Cole Judy, Jacob Kileen, and Nick Zeppet, all swore their Oaths of Office in front of a crowd that included other members of the Taylorville Fire Department, the City Council, Taylorville residents, as well as members of the local media. One topic that generated some discussion during the meeting was the Plan Commission Recommendation of a zoning ordinance for a Firing Range to be located at 115 N Webster. Although the ordinance passed 7-1, Alderman Budd stated that he disagreed that Taylorville needs the firing range.

TUES KEY

Q

(...will be voting no)

:24

Another discussed item of the night was the refinancing of several outstanding bonds that the city owes. Mayor Brotherton explained that by refinancing the debt, the city of Taylorville will save over \$200,000. Alderman Jones asked if the city would be taking the savings on the payment that the city would have paid otherwise, and apply that total to the principle balance, saving the city even more money overall.

TUES KEY

W

(...possible thank you)

:59

The City Council voted on a motion to allow Taylorville Fire Chief Mike Crews to budget an amount towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Alderman Walters stressed that it was for a new ambulance to replace the existing unit.

TUES KEY E (...this new ambulance) :19

The Council discussed and voted on several more motions throughout the meeting, including a motion to bid and advertise a laborer position in the street department, motions to approve several events happening throughout the summer, as well as a motion forward the FY2016/2017 Lake Budget to the finance committee with an additional \$50,000 for an additional line item for possible repair of the bike trail trestle. One item of note was the motion to purchase a piece of equipment for the water department, which came to a total of over \$86,000. Alderman Vota explained that even though it's a rather large sum of money for a piece of equipment, the total cost is well worth it in terms of employee safety.

TUES KEY R (...of the employee) :25

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 PM.

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County government	04/19/16	12:21 pm	1 min; 50 secs	County Board Debates Pay Raises for Elected Officials
County government	05/04/16	5:20 pm	1 min	Mike Crews Wins Coordinator of the Year Award
County government	05/23/16	6:20 pm	1 min; 45 secs	Sheriff Kettelkamp Says Celebrate Responsibly

4/15/2016

12PM

MP

Governor Bruce Rauner announced yesterday that the U.S. Small Business Administration had approved the state's request for assistance to help people and businesses in Christian and Iroquois counties recover from severe storms and floods that occurred in the area in late December. Patti Thompson, Communications Manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency told Regional Radio News what that means for people and businesses in Christian County.

WKND KEY 1 (...with their recovery) :21

Thompson also said that although the request for assistance was approved for Christian and Iroquois counties, that people and businesses from the surrounding counties can still apply for an SBA loan.

WKND KEY 2 (...low interest loan) :25

To be eligible for an SBA declaration, counties must meet certain requirements. Thompson shared with Regional Radio News, why Christian County met those requirements.

WKND KEY 3 (...governor's request) :37

To apply for an SBA loan, an individual or business will have to visit a Disaster Loan Outreach Center. The location of these centers hasn't currently been determined, but will be announced by the Small Business Administration in the near future.

4/19/2016

8PM

MP

The Christian County Board held two meetings last night. The first meeting was a "Committee of the Whole" meeting where the issue of the music that plays from the county courthouse was discussed. Anybody in favor of or against the music had several minutes to speak before the board to state their arguments as to whether the music should or shouldn't be played at the Courthouse. After, the County Board would take into consideration all arguments and then discuss the sound system from the courthouse as it applied to the time and days the music played, as well as who will operate and oversee the sound system. Taylorville resident and former business owner Chris Biondolino spoke before the county board where he explained why he was against the music being played at the courthouse.

WED KEY

R

(...in this room)

:56

Ed Downs from the Downtown Taylorville Committee also had a chance to address the board. Downs stated that he was in favor of the music being played, and mentioned how the vast majority of the response to the music has been positive.

WED KEY

T

(...the greater good)

:50

Ultimately the Christian County Board motioned that the music being played from the speakers at the Courthouse would only be played Monday through Saturday from 9AM until 4PM, with any special events that don't fall within these times, needing to get approval from the County Board to use the speakers. The County Board also motioned for County Board Chairman Paul Schmitz to have control over the music.

The second meeting of the County Board of the night was the usual County Board meeting. Most of the meeting was simply reviewing and motioning on several items that had been discussed in meetings held since the last County Board meeting, such as opening of a line of credit for the county to temporarily fund the 9-1-1 system until state reimbursements are received. One topic that generated heated discussion was a motion to give several elected officials in the county a raise. The controversy came due to the county currently having a \$700,000 budget deficit. County Board Member Ashley Linton commented saying how the County Board needs to take responsibility for that deficit.

WED KEY Y (...salaries in half) :37

The motion did carry to raise the salaries of those county employees. Several other motions were discussed and carried, with the County Board Meeting adjourning at approximately 7:30.

5/4/16 12PM MP

Mike Crews, Christian County Emergency Manager was the recipient of the Coordinator of the Year award from the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association. Crews recently told Regional Radio News a little bit about that award.

THUR KEY 1 (...make their decision) :19

The Illinois Emergency Services Management Association looks at a variety of different attributes of the various county emergency managers throughout the state. Crews said what some of those attributes are.

THUR KEY 2 (...through my office) :24

Crews also said that he feels honored to be recognized with other previous winners of the award.

5/23/16

6AM

MP

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp was a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show recently. Kettelkamp talked about how with the school year coming to a close and with kids having much more free time, that parents are responsible for the actions of their children.

MON KEY 1 (...well that's illegal) :55

Kettelkamp said how parents don't have to provide alcohol for under-aged parties. Simply providing a location where the parents know that there will be under-aged consumption of alcohol is enough to land them in hot water. Kettelkamp talked about some of the punishments that can be delivered to parents who break the law.

MON KEY 2 (...up until they're 21) :43

Kettelkamp expressed that the graduation season as well as the summer is a time for celebration, but reminded young adults that it can simply take one wrong move to derail your future.

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Economic development	05/25/16	9:22 am	2 min, 30 sec	CCECD Discusses Possibility of New Hotel in Taylorville
Economic development	06/14/16	12:21 pm	1 min	Aarons Hosts Customer Appreciation Day
Economic development	06/15/16	4:20 pm	1 min; 30 sec	Jimmy Johns Opening New Location in Taylorville
Economic development	06/21/16	5:22 pm	1 min, 40 sec	CTI Fiber Bringing Gigabit Internet Service to Taylorville

6/21/16

12PM

MP

Gigabit internet service is coming to Taylorville. Computer Techniques Incorporated will be launching their gigabit internet service on July 9th. CTI recently received an award from the Fiber to the Home Council of North America. Lucy Burtle, Marketing Coordinator for CTI recently spoke with Regional Radio News, and shared what that award is all about, and why CTI was the recipient of it.

WED

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CTI1

:33

Burtle also said how Fiber Internet can benefit a community, stating how it can bring many people and businesses into a community due to the better internet infrastructure of that community. Burtle mentioned how the gigabit internet will help Taylorville, due to it not being available in many other towns and cities, let alone a town the size of Taylorville. To celebrate the launch of the gigabit internet services, CTI will be hosting a launch party. Burtle shared with Regional Radio News some details of the event.

WED

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CTI2

:16

The gigabit fiber internet is comparable to Google's Fiber internet services. Currently CTI does not have pricing available for the gigabit service for businesses; however residential customers can get the gigabit service for \$99.95 a month. CTI is also offering a price lock offer, where they offer the service for \$69.95 a month for the duration of you having the service. For more information on CTI or the gigabit internet, call CTI at 824-6398.

6/15/16

12PM

MP

Construction has begun on the new Jimmy Johns location in inside the Family Video building on West Spresser Street in Taylorville. Patrick Wampler, owner of the new Jimmy Johns spoke with Regional Radio News recently and said what prompted the decision to bring Jimmy Johns to Taylorville.

THU

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JJ1

:27

Wampler said how Family Video has sectioned off a portion of their store and will be operating with less overall square footage to accommodate the new Jimmy Johns, and said how there will be two different spaces between the new stores. Wampler also stated how he and his managers are planning on a day to conduct open interviews for anybody who would wish to be employed at the new location.

THU

2

JJ2

:30

Wampler said how he expects the new store to open up somewhere from Mid-August to September 1st, although he did note that in his time owning several Jimmy Johns locations, he knows that construction times always vary.

6/14/16

12PM

MP

Aarons in Taylorville held their customer appreciation day on Saturday at their store in Taylorville located at 714 Springfield Road. The event had many different activities going on throughout the day, including a bounce house, corn hole games, as well as a selection of food available. Miller Media Group's Randal J. Miller was on location during the event, and spoke with Aaron's Regional Manager Mick Wise who said how customer service is his number one priority.

WED

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Aarons1

:13

The event was in part to help welcome the new customers that the Aaron's store acquired from the Taylorville Rent-A-Center. Dunning's Partners had purchased the customer base from Rent-A-Center, and wanted to welcome the customers to the Aarons family. Roy Dunning, Owner of Dunnings Partners that owns the Aarons location in Taylorville had some kind words for those customers at the event.

WED

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Aarons2

:13

If you were a current customer at the Rent-A-Center location in Taylorville, you will now be going through the Aarons location in Taylorville for all of your future payment needs.

5/25/16

5PM

MP

The Christian County Economic Development Corporation held an Executive Committee Meeting on May 19th. The committee had several important items on the agenda, such as a motion to approve a full board meeting that took place on March 22nd. Mary Renner, Executive Director of the Christian County Economic Development Corporation spoke with Regional Radio News recently about some of the other items discussed at the meeting.

THU KEY 4 (...to that meeting) :46

Renner was asked if there was any sort of time table for when Taylorville might see early progress on that hotel project. Renner explained how the C-C-E-C-D would like to see it completed as soon as possible, but there currently isn't any sort of time table in place for the project.

THU KEY 5 (...by local investors) :60

Renner explained how the hotel project depends upon how quickly the C-C-E-C-D can get investors together to help secure the bank loan, as well as what time of year it is before ground can be broken on the project.

4/19/2016

12PM

MP

Wyatt Hohenstein, Account Manager with Jenner Ag in Taylorville was a guest on the WTIM morning show this morning. Hohenstein shared some of his background and what he's done during his time at Jenner Ag.

WED KEY

1

(...jumped at it)

:43

Recently Jenner Ag has expanded into the farm machinery and farm implements dealer world. Hohenstein talked about how this is a new endeavor for Jenner Ag, done in an attempt to build new customer bases and relationships.

WED KEY

2

(...attempting to do)

:32

Hohenstein mentioned how reaching out to individual customers as opposed to corporations has been an enjoyable experience, allowing him to build new relationships within the community.

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Education	05/11/16	4:20 pm	2 mins	Dr. Fuerstenau Speaks on SB 231 Passing Senate
Education	06/14/16	5:22 pm	2 mins	Taylorville Board of Education Hold Regularly Monthly Meeting

6/14/16

6AM

MP-MOD 1

The Taylorville Community Unit Schools Board of Education held their regular meeting on Monday night at the Administration Education Center in Taylorville. It was a short agenda for the meeting, with most of the items on the agenda being mandatory issues that the school board must vote on. One item of note however was the Treasurer's Report, with Taylorville Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau reiterating that the Taylorville School District is in better shape than most regarding the state budget impasse. Fuerstenau also mentioned that the state needs to pass a budget in order to receive Federal Aid.

TUE

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School 1

:26

Fuerstenau mentioned how the Taylorville's Journalism department brought home a state championship for the Yearbook Layout Double Page Spread. He commended how it's a proud moment that the student's talent in the Taylorville Journalism department is being recognized across the state.

There were several new business items to attend to, including consideration of Property, Casualty, and Workers Compensation Insurance bids. The Taylorville School district has decided to go with Diamond Brothers insurance, since it's a local company, and the school district wanted to keep their business local. They also decided to go with Gerber Life for their student insurance needs.

6/14/16

6AM

MP-MOD 2

Another notable item of discussion was the report from the superintendent that Taylorville Schools will be switching to a one location registration system for the upcoming school year, where registration for all Taylorville Schools will be held under one roof. Taylorville Schools Business Manager Colene German explained why the school district is making the change, and gave some details on how the new registration system will work.

TUE

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School2

:37

It was explained that each school will have its own station where parents can register their students for the upcoming school year. Dr. Fuerstenau said how this new registration system helps simplify the process by having all of the forms that parents need to fill out in one location. This way if a parent has children in multiple schools in the Taylorville School System, they don't have to visit each school to register their child and fill out the necessary paperwork. It can simply be done in one stop. The Taylorville School District Board of Education meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.

5/11/2016

12PM

MP

Jake Leonard, Libertarian Candidate for the 95th State Representative District in the Illinois General Assembly was a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show Wednesday Morning. Leonard told us a little bit about himself and why he's running for office.

THURS KEY 3 (...a few decades) :59

Leonard mentioned how there is a lot of anger at how the political process has gone on in both Springfield and Washington, and said how that anger lead to his decision to run as a third party candidate.

THURS KEY 4 (...opportunity out there) :44

Leonard explained how the libertarian party is for freedoms for everybody, and said how he typically is a fiscal conservative, and a social liberal.

4/13/2016

12PM

MP

Superintendent of the Taylorville Community School District Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau was a guest on the WTIM morning show this morning. Dr. Fuerstenau had previously stated that without receiving any state aid funding, the Taylorville Community School District would run out of funds in February. Dr. Fuerstenau informed us about why that would happen.

TURS KEY 1 (...until November) :58

The state's budget impasse and school funding issue has been a frustrating set of problems. Dr. Fuerstenau stated how he feels that it's time for those in Springfield to sit down and solve those problems.

TURS KEY 2 (...to the taxpayers) :60

Dr. Fuerstenau also mentioned how the Taylorville School District is focusing on living within its funding means, and said how the state has to figure out a different way of governing within the state as well as improving the state economy.

4/12/2016

3PM

MP

State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill) was a guest on the WTIM morning show Tuesday Morning. One of the items discussed was Senator Manar's continued work on the State's school funding issue. Manar mentioned how local communities are putting pressure on the State government to get the issue of school funding resolved.

WED KEY 1 (...been working on) :51

Although Senator Manar calls for bi-partisan agreement on the school funding issue, he did say how he disagrees with how the governor's proposed budget allocates educational funds.

WED KEY 2 (...our system today) :46

Manar said the problem isn't insurmountable, but it will take a lot of work from both sides of the isle to get a better spending plan.

4/7/2016

8PM

MP

The group calling themselves Citizens for Education held their organizational launch Thursday night, holding a presentation in the Taylorville High School gymnasium. The group's goal is to secure fair and adequate funding for all of Illinois school districts. The presentation featured several guest speakers including State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill), as well as Melisa Livingston, a member of Citizens for Education as well as the Funding Illinois Future Coalition. Livingston showcased the Citizens for Education website, and showed a particular feature that will help you send an e-mail to your local representative.

FRI KEY F (...you're done) :25

State Senator Andy Manar discussed several issues that Illinois has when distributing funds to schools for education. One issue was how school districts with higher incomes receive more money per student than lower income school districts. He mentioned how towns with low income school districts tend to have higher property tax rates than higher income school districts in an attempt to help offset this difference. Manar also pointed out how this doesn't usually work, citing how East St. Louis had an abnormally high tax rate, and how their school districts spend less per student than a school district in Arlington Heights with a tax rate a fraction of that of East St. Louis. Manar also mentioned how we haven't changed the way we spend money on our educational systems in quite some time.

FRI KEY V (...growing and growing) :51

Senator Manar also pointed out the spending numbers for Taylorville Community Schools.

FRI KEY B (...from the state) :49

Taylorville Community Unit School District #3 Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau also spoke at the event. He pointed out how some school districts such as Taylorville have to worry about cutting things that are much more valuable to their students than other districts.

FRI KEY J (...resources to that) :37

Citizens for Education member Jenny Moats concluded the event by thanking the guests and everybody who attended. To find out more on Citizens for Education, visit online at [citizens for education dot org](http://citizensforeducation.org).

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Health	06/15/16	5:20 PM	1 min; 10 sec	Several Blood Drives Taking Place Across Central Illinois

6/15/16

5PM

MP

There will be several blood drives in the near future in several towns across Christian County. Libby Bair, Donor Relations Consultant with the Central Illinois Community Blood Center told Regional Radio News about where and when those blood drives will be taking place.

THU

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Blood1

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There are several requirements that one needs to meet in order to be able to donate blood. Bair shed light on what those requirements are.

THU

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Blood2

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Bair said that you can still donate blood with diabetes and high blood pressure, stating that it was a common misconception that you couldn't. Bair also said that when you give blood you can save up to three lives. For information on the blood drives or if you're eligible to donate, call the Central Illinois Community Blood Center at 1-800-747-5401.

5/16/2016

6AM

MP

The Pana Community Hospital Board of Directors and the Foundation Board held their annual meetings on Tuesday, April 26th. Trina Casner, President and CEO of Pana Community Hospital recently told Regional Radio News about those meetings and what those meetings were about.

MON KEY

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(...and renovation projects)

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The expansion projects being considered are a Patient Services addition, and a Main Entry addition. The Patient Services addition will be the first project and will include an expansion to the south west side of the 1955 building that will include space for a new lab, surgery suite, and new penthouse for new mechanical systems. Casner told Regional Radio News about some of the people the hospital will be working with on these projects.

MON KEY

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(...projects as well)

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There isn't any word at the moment as far as when the project will begin, or how it will be financed.

5/12/2016

5PM

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External Communications Manager for the American Red Cross, Rick Roseneck was a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning Show Thursday Morning. May is Trauma Awareness month. Roseneck explained what Trauma is and why the Red Cross is focusing an entire month on it.

FRI KEY

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(...and give blood)

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Roseneck mentioned how there is a continuous need in the country for donated blood.

FRI KEY

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(...always need blood)

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For more information you can visit the Red Cross online at redcross.org.

5/10/16

5PM

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Sgt. Allen Mills, Coordinator for Christian County Crimestoppers was a guest on the Newstalk WTIM Morning show Tuesday morning. Synthetic Marijuana was the topic of discussion. Sgt. Mills explained what it is and why it's in Christian County.

WED KEY 5 (...naturally occurring) :38

Sgt. Mills explained how synthetic marijuana results in a different, much more intense high that can also have some terrible side effects such as liver damage and seizures. Sgt. Mills said how Taylorville's location has led to synthetic marijuana being a problem in the local area.

WED KEY 6 (...on this stuff) :29

Sgt. Mills said how one problem with synthetic marijuana is the fact that the people making it can change the chemical composition of the drug to make it legal. Mills said how the state legislature has tried to outlaw the drug, but the problem is as soon as a new law passes the chemical nature of the drug changes to skirt the law.

4/5/2016

5PM

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The Pana Community Hospital Auxiliary held its annual meeting last Tuesday on March 29th. The Auxiliary approved to donate a check in the amount of \$25,000 to go towards the hospital's 3D Mammography campaign, which aims to raise funds for the hospital to purchase a 3D Mammography machine. Pana Community Hospital Foundation Executive Director Kim Rodgers told Regional Radio News why purchasing the new machine is so important to the Hospital.

Wednesday Key Q (...a lot of anxiety) (:33)

The campaign has raised \$136,000 so far towards the foundation's goal of \$200,000 that will go towards the cost of the machine.

Volunteer hours were also discussed, with Shirley DeClerk who is in charge of staffing the volunteer desk reporting that volunteers have donated 1,500 hours of their time covering the front desk. Elections were also held to install new officers for the 2016 year.